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SUBJECT: CROWN PRINCE HASSAN'S VISIT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PAPER, "A NOTE ON JORDAN'S DEVELOPMENT OUTLOOK," WHICH CP PRESENTED TO MR. SOBER AND AMBASSADOR BROWN AT MAY 20 MEETING. PAPER WILL BE DISCUSSED AT MAY 23 ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON JORDAN'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

QUOTE

A. JORDAN ACHIEVED IN THE PRE-1967 PERIOD ONE OF THE HIGHEST RATES OF GROWTH ATTAINED BY ANY DEVELOPING COUNTRY. GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 11 PERCENT ANNUALLY WITH HARDLY ANY INCREASE IN THE PRICE LEVEL DURING 1954-1966. DESPITE THE RAPID RISE IN GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT AND RECURRING EXPENDITURES, DEPENDENCE ON BUDGET SUPPORT WAS REDUCED SUBSTANTIALLY BOTH IN RELATIVE AND ABSOLUTE TERMS.

B. THE MIDDLE EAST WAR OF 1967 AND ITS AFTERMATH INTERRUPTED THIS PROCESS OF RAPID SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. HOWEVER, WITH THE REINSTATEMENT OF LAW AND ORDER IN 1972, A

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THREE YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN WAS LAUNCHED TO COVER THE

PERIOD 1973-1975. ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR HAVE BEEN SATISFACTORY AND HAVE EVEN EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS IN THE CASE OF

PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT, REFLECTING THE RESTORATION OF CONFIDENCE AND THE IMPROVED ECONOMIC OUTLOOK. IN ADDITION, THE REQUIRED PLATFORM FOR ACCELERATED LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT IS BEING SUCCESSFULLY ESTABLISHED.

C. THE OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE HAS BEEN FURTHER IMPROVED NOT ONLY BY THE FAVOURABLE PROSPECTS OF ACHIEVING A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN THE AREA, BUT ALSO BY THE ENHANCED IMPORTANCE OF EXISTING AND RECENTLY PROVEN MINERAL RESOURCES IN THE COUNTRY. JORDAN POSSESSES THE NECESSARY HUMAN RESOURCES FOR THE EFFECTIVE EXPLOITATION OF THESE NATURAL RESOURCES WITHIN THE COMING FEW YEARS. THIS WILL CONTRIBUTE SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE REQUIRED EXPANSION IN THE PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY OF THE DOMESTIC SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY AND HELP JORDAN STAND ON ITS FEET.

D. JORDAN HAS ALREADY DEMONSTRATED ITS ABILITY TO ACHIEVE RAPID ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND IS NOW DETERMINED TO RESUME THAT EXPERIMENT IN A MANNER THAT WILL DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH ITS CHRONIC ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. GIVEN THE NECESSARY SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE FROM ITS PARTNERS IN DEVELOPMENT, JORDAN CAN COPE SUCCESSFULLY WITH THE CHALLENGING REQUIREMENTS THAT WILL BE IMPOSED ON ITS HUMAN AND ADMINISTRATIVE RESOURCES.

E. JORDAN'S DETERMINATION TO PURSUE SUCH POLICIES EMANATES FROM ITS COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE ITS PRESENT POLICY OF MODERATION, AND ITS DESIRE TO PLAY A POSITIVE ROLE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LASTING PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE AREA. PROSPERITY IS A NECESSARY PREREQUISITE FOR THAT PURPOSE. THROUGH FULL UTILIZATION OF ITS RESOURCE POTENTIAL, JORDAN CAN IMPROVE LIVING STANDARDS OF ITS CITIZENS AND ATTAIN ITS LONG-SOUGHT OBJECTIVE OF FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE. ADEQUATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WILL HAVE TO BE CREATED. THE REALIZATION OF OUR LONG-TERM OBJECTIVE OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY IS NOW REALISTICALLY WITHIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REACH.

F. A TEN YEAR FRAMEWORK HAS BEEN DEVELOPED FOR THIS PURPOSE. IT AIMS AT MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF AVAILABLE HUMAN AND NATURAL RESOURCES THROUGH INTEGRATED PROGRAM APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT. THIS APPROACH EMPHASIZES THE HUMAN ELEMENT WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF EXPANDING THE PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY OF THE DOMESTIC SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY AND

THE EXPLOITATION OF AVAILABLE NATURAL RESOURCES. CLOSE COOPERATION WILL BE MAINTAINED BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS. OPENNESS TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD WILL BE FURTHER PROMOTED.

G. JORDAN APPRECIATES THE ASSISTANCE IT HAS BEEN RECEIVING FROM THE UNITED STATES IN THE FORM OF GRANTS AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. CONTINUATION OF THIS AID IS CRUCIAL NOT ONLY TO JORDAN'S IMMEDIATE NEEDS, BUT ALSO TO ITS ABILITY TO CARRY OUT ITS DEVELOPMENT PLANS THEREBY ENABLING IT ULTIMATELY TO REDUCE ITS DEPENDENCE ON FINANCIAL BUDGETARY SUPPORT.

H. TO RENDER THIS AID MORE EFFECTIVE FOR ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT A MULTI-YEAR PROGRAM-ORIENTED APPROACH RATHER THAN A PROJECT APPROACH BE ADOPTED. THIS WILL ENHANCE OUR CAPACITY TO UTILIZE THIS AID RAPIDLY AS IT WILL EMBRACE A NUMBER OF INTER-RELATED ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS FORMING A MULTI-YEAR WHOLE PACKAGE FOR A SPECIFIC REGION IN THE COUNTRY.

I. ADDITIONAL STEPS ARE ALSO NEEDED TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE U.S. INVESTMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT NOT ONLY OF JORDAN'S PRIMARY RESOURCES BUT ALSO ITS POTENTIAL AS A MANUFACTURING CENTRE FOR MIDDLE EASTERN AND OTHER MARKETS. IN ADDITION, THE UNITED STATES CAN ALSO PLAY A POSITIVE ROLE IN ENCOURAGING INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES AND OTHER CONCERNED COUNTRIES TO INCREASE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN JORDAN'S DEVELOPMENT EFFORT.
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